

8. (Original) The regimen of claim 1 wherein said estrogen component of said at least one daily dosage does not exceed 20 mcg EE equivalent.

9. (Amended) ~~The~~ A hormonal regimen [of claim 1] wherein at least one of the daily dosages comprises at least 0.25 mg of levonorgestrel [said] an estrogen component [of said at least one daily dosage] which does not exceed 15 mcg EE equivalent.

10. (Original) The regimen of claim 3 wherein said estrogen component of said at least one daily dosage does not exceed 20 mcg EE equivalent.

11. (Original) The regimen of claim 3 wherein said estrogen component of said at least one daily dosage does not exceed 15 mcg EE equivalent.

12. (Original) The regimen of claim 1 wherein said estrogen component is 20 mcg EE equivalent.

13. (Original) The regimen of claim 1 wherein said estrogen component is 15 mcg EE equivalent.

14. (Original) The regimen of claim 3 wherein said estrogen component is 20 mcg EE equivalent.

15. (Original) The regimen of claim 3 wherein said estrogen component is 15 mcg EE equivalent.

16. (Original) The regimen of claim 1 wherein said regimen is tri-phasic.

17. (Original) The regimen of claim 1 wherein said regimen comprises 20-35 daily dosages and wherein the total dosage of levonorgestrel in said regimen exceeds 10 mg.

18. (Original) The regimen of claim 17 wherein said total levonorgestrel dosage exceeds 15 mg.

19. (Original) The regimen of claim 17 wherein said total levonorgestrel dosage for said hormonal regimen exceeds 20 mg.

20. (Original) The regimen of claim 3 wherein said regimen comprises 20-35 daily dosages and wherein the total dosage of levonorgestrel in said regimen exceeds 10 mg.

21. (Original) The regimen of claim 20 wherein said total levonorgestrel dosage exceeds 15 mg.

22. (Original) The regimen of claim 20 wherein said total levonorgestrel dosage for said hormonal regimen exceeds 20 mg.

23. (Original) The regimen of claim 17 wherein said regimen comprises 28 daily dosages.

24. (Original) The regimen of claim 18 wherein said regimen comprises 28 daily dosages.

25. (Original) The regimen of claim 20 wherein said regimen comprises 28 daily dosages.

26. (Original) The regimen of claim 21 wherein said regimen comprises 28 daily dosages.